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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jerome A. Mouton, Jr. et al.

Serial No. 09/295,690

Filed: April 21, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
UPGRADING A DATABASE IN A
REDUNDANT ENVIRONMENT BY
RELEASE CHAINING

EXAMINER: FLEURANTIN, JEAN B.

ART UNIT: 2172

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants submitted an Amendment and Response after Final Action on October 2, 2003, to the Final Office Action mailed on June 3, 2003. An Advisory Action was mailed on October 20, 2003 indicating that the proposed amendments would be entered for purposes of an Appeal. In stead of an Appeal, applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination with an Amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the October 2, 2003 Amendment after Final Action not be entered. Rather, applicants request that this Amendment accompanying the Request for Continued Examination be entered.

In response to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2003, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination: